

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (**currently amended**). A pressure sensitive adhesive for single-sided or double-sided adhesive sheet strips which ~~can be redetached~~ **are redetachable from substrates** without residue or destruction by extensive stretching in the plane of the bond, composed of a mixture comprising a block copolymer and a tackifier, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ at least one compound which is swellable in H₂O is incorporated into the mixture.

Claim 2 (**currently amended**). The **pressure sensitive** adhesive as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein said at least one the~~ compound which is swellable in H₂O is a superabsorbent.

Claim 3 (**currently amended**). The **pressure sensitive** adhesive as claimed in ~~either of claims 1 and 2~~ **claim 1 or 2**, ~~characterized in that wherein said at least one the~~ swellable compound is present in ~~a range between~~ **an amount of from** 0.5 to 20% by weight, based on the **weight of** adhesive.

Claim 4 (**currently amended**) The **pressure sensitive** adhesive as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 3~~, ~~characterized in that~~ **claim 3, wherein said at least one the** swellable compound is present in ~~a range between~~ **an amount of from** 2 to 8% by weight, based on the **weight of** adhesive.

Claim 5 (**currently amended**). The **pressure sensitive** adhesive as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 4~~, ~~characterized in that~~ **claim 1 or 2, wherein said at least one a single** swellable compound ~~or is~~ a mixture of two or more swellable compounds ~~is incorporated into the mixture~~.

Claim 6 (**currently amended**). The **pressure sensitive** adhesive as claimed in ~~either of claims 2 and 5~~, ~~characterized in that the~~ **claim 2, wherein said** superabsorbent is a sodium salt of a crosslinked polyacrylic acid, a starch-modified crosslinked polyacrylic acid, a crosslinked polyacrylamide, a crosslinked polysulfonic acid or carboxymethylcellulose.

Claim 7 (currently amended). The pressure sensitive adhesive as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 6, characterized in that the mixture comprises~~ claim 1, further comprising at least one additive.

Claim 8 (currently amended). ~~The use of the pressure sensitive adhesive as claimed in one of the preceding claims for producing a~~ A single-sided ~~and/or or~~ double-sided adhesive sheet strip comprising the pressure sensitive adhesive of claim 1.

Claim 9 (new). The pressure sensitive adhesive as claimed in claim 5, wherein said superabsorbent is a sodium salt of a crosslinked polyacrylic acid, a starch-modified crosslinked polyacrylic acid, a crosslinked polyacrylamide, a crosslinked polysulfonic acid or carboxymethylcellulose.